

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend paragraph [0040] as follows:

[0040] By way of example, Figure 6c shows a substrate holder 1 with a support step 5 in a recess, in which, although the substrate 2 is located deeper than the edge area of the substrate holder 1, the substrate surface nevertheless projects from the edge area of the substrate holder 1.

In other words, the support step 5 is configured to support the substrate 2 so that a bottom surface of the substrate 2 is disposed lower than the edge area of the substrate holder 1 and a top surface of the substrate is disposed higher than the edge area. The recess is at least as large as the surface of the substrate 2, so that the recess can accommodate this surface. A groove 4, as is illustrated in Figure 1, is additionally incorporated in this exemplary embodiment, but need not be provided. Other support structures are also feasible.